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LIBRARY OFFERS RELIEF TO FACULTY AND STAFF BURDENED BY THE CLUTTER OF UNUSED LIBRARY MATERIALS IN THEIR HOMES AND OFFICES.

All materials are being recalled by the Sir George Campus Libraries during the period from DECEMBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 21. If not requested by other users, these materials may be renewed at that time.

While we are relieving you of this burden you will also be helping us. By having library-owned materials in the library at the term's end we will avoid many of those complications which arise when the book which appears on next term's reserve lists is propping up someone's personal collection of National Lampoon.

For everyone's sake, we ask for your cooperation, as individual notices will not be sent.

IRVING LAYTON'S BARF BAG

Irving Layton, Canada's dirty-old-man-of-letters, made an agreement with the Library this summer to send us all his literary papers. The Norris Library already has the biggest and best collection of Layton materials anywhere and the present agreement merely cements a relationship that has been flourishing for years.

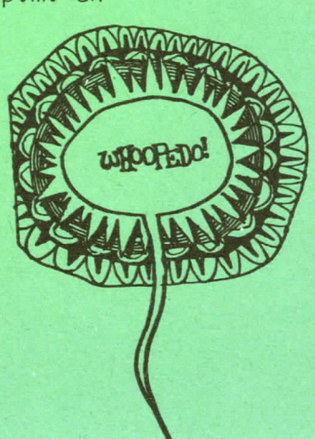
The Layton Collection contains his literary manuscripts, his correspondence (over 5000 letters), a comprehensive set of his published works, including originals or copies of all his anthology and periodical contributions, a nearly complete set of reviews and critical articles, photographs, recordings, and many hundreds of newspaper clippings. One of the prize exhibits of the collection is an airline barf bag on which is written the first drafts of two poems.

Our resources for servicing the collection are unfortunately rather limited at the moment and we can only give access to scholars doing research on Layton. Undergraduates should be able to find plenty of material elsewhere in the Library.

We are working on a huge Layton Bibliography based on our holdings and we hope it will be ready for publication one of these days. Any publishers out there?

For further information on the Layton Collection call Jim Polson at 4367

LIGHTS OF THE LOYOLA LIBRARIES will be shining 5 hours longer on Saturdays and Sundays for the duration of the exam period. From November 24 through December 15, the libraries will offer service from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. Hours of service on weekdays will remain the same.



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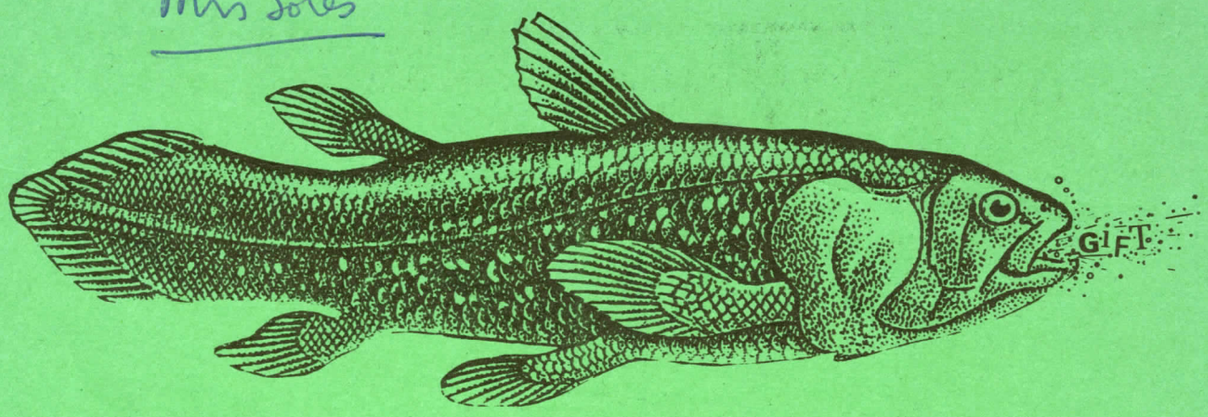

A portfolio entitled The Salmon/The Service has been presented to the University by Herbert H. Lank and Consolidated-Bathurst Ltd.

In memory of Dr. Henry F. Hall for his contribution to education in Canada. The portfolio, a limited edition from the Department of Environment, Fisheries and Marine Service, was prepared in honour of the Law of the Sea Conference, Caracas, 1974. It contains a text by R. Haigh-Brown and prints by Bill Reid and others. An exquisite argelite carving of salmon in the Haida Indian style is mounted on the cover of the folio case.

EXHIBITIONISM HITS SIR GEORGE LIBRARIES

Two new exhibits have appeared in the Sir George Libraries in the past month.

A display illustrating the techniques of photography entitled "Pictures: How and Why" was prepared for the Science and Engineering Library by Craig Cottle.

Jewish Book Month (Nov. 8 to Dec. 8) is the topic of a display in the Norris Library. A limited number of related bibliographies are available at the Reference Desk.

A LIBRARY LOSS

Nancy Brodie, subject librarian in Engineering will be leaving the Science and Engineering Library to accept a position in the Research and Planning Branch of the National Library of Canada.

IF YOU DROP GOLD AND BOOKS, PICK UP THE BOOKS FIRST, THEN THE GOLD -
Jewish folk saying

The Wizard of Id

On a recent visit to the Norris Library to appraise the Library's support for the areas of emphasis in the Ph.D program in Judaic Studies, Professor Jacob Neusner of Brown University was particularly impressed by the Library's collection of Judaica. This can be considered an achievement in view of the fact that serious collection development began only in 1969. It confirms the findings of Dorothy Cameron in a just-completed survey developed as part of the appraisal dossier for B.G.S.

Professor Neusner was also pleased to discover that the Library held two copies of a long out-of-print Hebrew commentary, one of which the Library has agreed to exchange for needed works.

This newsletter publishes information on the Library for faculty, administration or researchers at Concordia University. We welcome your questions or comments. Direct them to: LIBRARY LETTER, Orientation Office, N-429-8, 879-8164